

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee has approved \$1 million for the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority to upgrade and improve its ITS equipment.

“This technology increases on-time performance of BRTA buses thereby allowing passengers to get to work, doctor’s appointments, daycare providers or to the grocery store without unexpected delays,” said Congressman John Olver. “Passengers can access up-to-the-minute information on the progress of their bus by electronic signage at the bus stop, or from a laptop or cell phone.”

“This funding will go a long way in bringing the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) into the 21st century. When completed, the BRTA will have a fully integrated system that will provide scheduling, dispatching, vehicle location and on time performance for both our fixed route and paratransit service,” said Gary Shepard, Administrator at the BRTA. “This also will allow BRTA to offer deviated service for greater efficiency and cost effectiveness,” Shepard added.

The FY 2011 Transportation HUD Appropriations Bill now awaits consideration by the full House and Senate.

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